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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: August 26, 2015
Complaint Number: 15-143084
Type of Incident: Armed Robbery
Location: Motel 6, 4855 28th Street, S.E., Cascade Township
Detective: Bill Marks
Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

In the early morning hours of August 24, 2015 the Kent County Sheriff Department responded to the area of 28th Street SE and Patterson Avenue SE to investigate an armed robbery. The victim reported that he responded to an ad posted on the Internet (Backpage.com) and agreed to meet two individuals in their hotel room at the Motel 6, 4855 28th Street SE. When the victim arrived, he was invited inside by 17 year old Monee Duepre Atkinson and her 15 year old female friend. The victim was unaware that Trayvin Donnell Lewis, 18 years old, was hiding around the corner with what was later determined to be an airsoft pistol.

As the victim entered the room, Lewis emerged and ordered the victim to the ground at gunpoint and proceeded to rob him of cash and his cell phone. Lewis and Atkinson then forced the victim to drive them to an ATM and an additional \$300.00 was withdrawn from the victim's account and surrendered to Lewis. The victim drove Lewis and Atkinson back to the Motel 6, dropped them off and fled to safety where he called the police.

Investigators made contact with the occupants of the room identified by the victim who were later identified as Lewis, Atkinson and a 15 year old female. Inside the room Deputies found cash, the victim's cell phone and an airsoft gun that was fashioned to look real.

All three suspects were interviewed and are cooperating with the investigation. Investigators have identified and contacted several additional victims, however, believe there are still many more that have not been identified. The victims, who are from Grand Rapids and surrounding communities, are requesting not to be identified in the media.

All three suspects are residents of Grand Rapids. Lewis and Atkinson have been charged and arraigned on charges including two counts of armed robbery, two counts of unlawful imprisonment and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Lewis was also charged with being in possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Bond was set at \$500,000.00 each by the 63rd District Court. The juvenile female has also been charged, however, her name is not being release due to her age.

Anyone with information, including additional victims, are asked to call the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-632-6357 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

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